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Rep. Ruwet Announces Community Discussion on Child Homelessness



State Rep. Anne Ruwet, R-65th, and Education Connection will conduct community meetings on "Young Children without Homes" on Tuesday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesday, October 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Torrington City Hall.

Rep. Ruwet said the meeting is intended to create an understanding of the effect of homelessness on the educational development of young children in the Torrington community.

Grace Whitney, Ph.D., MPA, and Mary McAtee, executive director of the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness, will facilitate the community conversation.

Members of the public interested in attending should contact Holly Jacquemin at 482-5286, extension 11.

"As a legislator, this is an issue I believe we should be addressing for children in homeless shelters," said Rep. Ruwet. "There is a need to find space for these children in facilities to help make sure they are ready for school and advance academically. Through conversations with parents, state agencies and providers, we hope to help make it happen."

Rep. Ruwet proposed legislation this year in the state House of Representatives to address this issue, but now is working to bring various officials and organizations together to address the problem.

Rep. Ruwet serves the 65^{th} Assembly District of Torrington in the state House of Representatives.